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*To the Chairmen and Members of the  
Bathavon, Keynsham and Frome Urban  
and Frome Rural District Councils.*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the annual report of the combined districts for which I am responsible for the year ended 31st December, 1964.

Again, I am happy and relieved to give a generally satisfactory report, without any major local outbreaks of disease, or other catastrophe.

We have gone a long way in providing an almost universally pure mains water supply, only scattered dwellings in rural areas continuing to depend on private sources.

The introduction of mains water supplies however, necessitates adequate measures for the disposal of the water used, and I am glad that the various sewerage schemes are progressing, many towards completion, some at varying stages of development. I hope that where economies have to be introduced into public spending, schemes for sewerage will continue to rank on the high priority list as an essential to the promotion of good health.

The disposal of domestic refuse is an item presenting a problem of increasing magnitude, not only locally, but throughout the country. The problem of the increased bulk of refuse resulting from the acquisitions of our more affluent society, and the shortage of sites for tipping, particularly in the more urban areas, are stimulating many authorities to seek more modern means of disposal. Controlled tipping has served its purpose directly and indirectly in land levelling, but we must now turn perforce to pulverisation or incineration, as the only satisfactory, practical means of disposal. Again, I hope that enforced economies or other delays, will not postpone such schemes until the stage of crisis is reached.

On the whole, we are attaining more peace of mind with regard to infectious disease. Slowly and surely most of the scourges are disappearing under the constant attack of immunisation, modern drugs, health education and other methods of control. The incidence of tuberculosis is still on the downward trend in our home population.

The main hazard still causing much anxiety and requiring keen vigilance is the spread of food borne infection. In spite of much publicity, local and national, a great deal is left to be desired in many premises where food is sold or prepared. Many firms set a shining example in their preparation or packaging of pre-cooked food, or that not requiring cooking, whilst others carry on in their old ways, unaltered for generations. The Food and Drugs Acts set standards, but leave too many minor loopholes with regard to detail. Standards are also set by the Milk and Dairies Regulations, as a result of which, tuberculosis has been eradicated, but legislation on the control of other infections, such as brucellosis, leaves a lot to be desired. There is still free sale of large quantities of unpasteurised milk to a section of the public, who have the misguided impression that there is more "goodness" in it. How generally is it known that there is no control over the movement of brucella-infected cattle which can be, and are, freely sold at market?

I am not being original in saying that the whole problem of food hygiene, or lack thereof, is in the hands of the housewife. Let her pluck up courage to refuse to accept food in wrapping, picked up by the licked finger of the shop assistant, or the sliced ham held by the same hands which have just been to the cash till or stroked the customer's dog, or the other perishable food from which the assistant has surreptitiously wiped fly-blow. Food poisoning has a great nuisance value to the adult, but it can constitute a more serious, and even fatal illness, to the very young or very elderly. Public health officers are limited in their powers, but the housewife is omnipotent—the shop keeper is wholly dependent on her, and a concerted effort by housewives could be the most powerful weapon in attaining clean food for the community.

As always, I am indebted to the Public Health Inspectors for their reports and their help during the year, and to Miss Baldwin for her diligent maintenance of the office routine, and her help in compiling the statistics for this report.

I am also grateful to the members of the constituent Public Health Committees for their support and guidance.

I am, ladies and gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

N. NEWMAN.



## VITAL STATISTICS

The figures in this Table represent the corrected birth and death rates and the infantile mortality rate for the combined districts for the five years period 1960-1964 with the comparative figures for England and Wales. More detailed figures for the individual districts will be found in the appropriate sections.

		<i>Birth rate</i>	<i>Death rate</i>	<i>Infantile rate</i>
Combined districts	1960	16.61	10.78	17.91
England and Wales	1960	17.1	11.5	21.7
Combined districts	1961	17.13	10.95	15.29
England and Wales	1961	17.4	12.0	21.4
Combined districts	1962	16.89	10.51	22.12
England and Wales	1962	18.0	11.9	20.7
Combined districts	1963	18.91	10.87	15.47
England and Wales	1963	18.2	12.2	20.9
Combined districts	1964	15.15	10.7	16.34
England and Wales	1964	18.4	11.3	20.0

## CAUSES OF DEATH IN INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR COMBINED DISTRICTS

	<i>Under 1 week</i>	<i>1-4 weeks</i>	<i>1-6 months</i>	<i>6-12 months</i>	<i>Total</i>
Anoxia .....	1	—	—	—	1
Asphyxia .....	1	—	2	—	3
Cerebral Haemorrhage .....	—	1	—	—	1
Cerebral Microgyria .....	—	—	1	—	1
Intracranial Haemorrhage .....	2	—	—	—	2
Pneumonia .....	—	—	2	—	2
	4	1	5	—	10

It appears that last year's sharp rise in the birth rate has not repeated itself, and in fact, the rate for the district as a whole has fallen this year, to well below the national average. Over the years such a variation usually evens itself out, and in this case the overall picture presents only a slightly below the average figure for the country as a whole. This is indeed not unexpected in an area where there is an above average proportion of elderly people.

For the same reason, the death rate is slightly above the national figure.

The number of infant deaths under one year of age was the lowest for several years, and well under the average. I cannot attribute any significant factors to all these deaths occurring within the first six months of life.

# INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Incidence in the combined districts for the five-year period 1960-1964.

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Scarlet Fever	55	11	14	11	23
Whooping Cough	29	99	2	22	21
Measles	114	1339	48	764	324
Pneumonia Acute	15	18	19	7	8
"    Influenzal	4	10	5	1	—
Dysentery	19	2	6	4	24
Food Poisoning	3	—	3	3	5
Erysipelas	4	3	3	—	5
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	1	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	3	—	3	1
Poliomyelitis	—	4	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection	—	1	—	—	—
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	38	33	25	17	13
"    Non Pulmonary	7	2	4	2	3

## SCARLET FEVER

The figure of twenty-three is the highest notified since 1960. This disease has, however, become one of mild severity and no complications.

## MEASLES

Although not a year of epidemic cycle, the number of notified cases of measles was rather high, the incidence having been maintained throughout the year.

## SONNE DYSENTERY

Twenty-four cases notified was the highest number for many years. As usual, the disease affected mostly children in one school, but closure of the school did not become necessary.

## FOOD POISONING

The number of notifications was not high at five, but as I have already stated, I am rather uneasy at the slowly maintained increase. We must maintain a constant vigil on standards of hygiene in order to control this condition of great nuisance value to most sufferers, but a possible danger to the elderly and the very young.

## TUBERCULOSIS

Happily, the fourteen cases constituted the lowest number ever recorded for the area. There were no deaths from tuberculosis, but five occurred last year. So well has this disease been controlled that the following up of contacts has now become only a small part of the Health Visitor's duties, rather than the full time occupation of the erstwhile Tuberculosis Health Visitor.

## POLIOMYELITIS

We have again had a year free of this dreaded disease.



## IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The more satisfactory state of Tuberculosis, Poliomyelitis and Diphtheria (of which no case has been recorded) follows the continued drive to maintain a high state of immunity in the child population. The general acceptance of oral vaccine has contributed greatly to the control of the disease. The public however, need a constant reminder of the need to keep up a reasonable level of immunity to be able to maintain this control.

### MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE

**General Practitioner Surveys**—held fortnightly at Cork Street Car Park, Frome, from 8th June, 1964.

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total number X-rayed	139	213	352
<b>Abnormalities detected:</b>			
Acquired Cardiac Lesion	1	—	1
Bronchitis and Emphysema	1	1	2
Benign Tumour	—	1	1
Suspected abnormality for which no diagnosis has yet been received	—	1	1

**J. S. Fry & Sons Ltd., Keynsham**  
October 12th–19th, 1964.

Total number X-rayed	1523	1117	2640
<b>Abnormalities detected:</b>			
Tuberculosis—Healed	4	2	6
Acquired Cardiac Lesion	2	2	4
Abnormality of the Diaphragm	—	2	2
Bronchitis and Emphysema	2	2	4
Bronchiectasis	1	—	1
Empyema	1	1	2
Pulmonary Fibrosis	1	—	1
Pneumoconiosis plus P.M.F.	1	—	1
Sarcoidosis	—	1	1
Suspected abnormality for which no diagnosis has yet been received	1	—	1

Figures for the Bathavon district are not obtainable as the regular weekly service in Bath is available to residents adjacent to the City.

# BATHAVON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

POPULATION ESTIMATED MID-YEAR, 1964	21,280
AREA OF THE DISTRICT	39,996 acres
NUMBER OF HOUSES INHABITED ACCORDING TO RATE BOOKS, 1964	6,553
AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSE	3.25
SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE 1964-65	£2,125
RATEABLE VALUE, APRIL 1964	£550,340

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*Chairman of the Council* ..... G. W. HIGNETT, ESQ., J.P.

*Chairman of the Health and Highway Committee* ..... W. D. HARTLEY, ESQ.

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## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

The figures in parentheses are for 1963.

### Live Births:

Number	303	(340)
Rate per 1,000 population	14.24	(16.18)
Birth Rate corrected by comparability factor (15.09)	1.06	(17.15)
<b>Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total live births)</b>	6.27	(4.41)

### Still Births:

Number	10	(5)
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	31.92	(14.49)
<b>Total Live and Still births</b>	313	(345)
<b>Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year)</b>	6	(1)

### Infant Mortality Rates:

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	19.8	(2.94)
Legitimate deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	21.13	(3.08)
Illegitimate deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	—	(—)
<b>Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)</b>	9.9	(2.94)
<b>Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)</b>	9.9	(2.94)
<b>Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)</b>	41.53	(17.39)

### Maternal Mortality (including abortion):

Number of deaths	—	(—)
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	—	(—)
<b>General death rate per 1,000 estimated average population</b>	10.43	(11.56)
<b>General death rate corrected by comparability factor (0.94)</b>	9.81	(10.87)

## DEATHS

The number of deaths, adjusted for inward and outward transfers, total 222, one hundred and fifteen male and one hundred and seven female. The following Table indicates the cause of death.

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS							65-	75 & over
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-		
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	4	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	5	5
	F	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	1
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Diabetes	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	M	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	6	9
	F	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	3	13
Coronary Disease, Angina	M	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	8	7
	F	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	9
Hypertension with Heart Disease	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2
Other Heart Disease	M	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	8
	F	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	2	19
Other Circulatory Disease	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	5

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS								75 & over	
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-		
Influenza	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Pneumonia	M	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
	F	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	5
Bronchitis	M	10	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Congenital Malformations	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
	F	13	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	7
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Other Accidents	M	6	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Suicide	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	115	—	2	—	—	4	1	2	8	12	39	47	
	F	107	3	1	—	—	—	—	3	7	10	21	62	

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Total cases notified</i>		<i>Total Deaths</i>	
Measles .....	116	(236)	—	—
Scarlet Fever .....	12	(2)	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia .....	1	(1)	—	—
Dysentery .....	23	(4)	—	—
Whooping Cough .....	10	(5)	—	—
Acute primary pneumonia .....	1	(5)	—	(1)
Acute Influenzal pneumonia .....	—	(1)	—	—
Erysipelas .....	4	(—)	—	—
Food Poisoning .....	1	(2)	—	—
Tuberculosis (respiratory) .....	3	(3)	—	—
(non-respiratory) .....	—	(1)	—	(1)
TOTAL:	171	(260)	—	(2)

Statistically, Bathavon presents an under average all round picture, both in relation to births and deaths. The birth rate was low, 15.09 compared with the national 18.4. The death rates, both infantile and general, were also however, somewhat lower than the average, 19.8 and 9.81 compared with 20.0 and 11.3 respectively, the former unfortunately, being considerably higher than the exceptionally low figure for last year (14.49).

Again, no maternal deaths associated with pregnancy or child-birth occurred.

So far as infectious diseases were concerned, the only significant occurrence was a short, sharp attack of Sonne Dysentery in Camerton village in April, which was got under control before reaching distressing proportions.



# REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

## WATER SUPPLIES

With the exception of two very small supplies to twelve houses and a Factory in the Parishes of Northstoke and Peasedown St. John, still under the control of the Council, all parishes are served either by Bristol Waterworks Company, Bath Corporation or private estate supplies.

Apart from the Combe Hay Supply area of Bristol Waterworks, where some distribution difficulties were encountered, an uninterrupted supply was maintained throughout the year.

Public and private estate supplies were sampled regularly and all were found to be satisfactory both chemically and bacteriologically.

Individual private wells and springs were sampled when suspected. Three, found to be unsatisfactory on analysis, were made satisfactory after protection and cleansing. No waters in the area have been found to have plumbo-solvent action.

### Water Distribution:

Twenty-four parishes have mains, and two are served by private estate supplies.

Since the Council is no longer a water authority, accurate records as to the number of houses having mains water are no longer readily available.

## SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

### Sewerage:

With the exception of the thinly populated parts of the district the following parishes have a satisfactory sewage disposal system, i.e., Bathampton, Bathford, Batheaston, Claverton (part), Monkton Combe, Lower Swainswick, Whitchurch, Freshford, Peasedown St. John, Camerton (part), Shoscombe, Southstoke, Priston, Corston and Newton St. Loe.

The following villages have either no sewers, or unsatisfactory or incomplete sewerage schemes; Burnett, Camerton (part), Combe Hay, Dunkerton, Englishcombe, Kelston, Northstoke, Stanton Prior, Swainswick (Upper), Tunley, Compton Dando and Queen Charlton. Schemes are being prepared for the villages of Carlingcott, New Buildings (Peasedown) and Marksbury.

## Sewage Disposal Works:

The existing sewage disposal works at Freshford, Corston, Midford, Peasedown St. John, Priston and Shoscombe, have been well maintained. The effluents have been sampled regularly by the Bristol Avon River Board and, with the exception of an occasional sample, were satisfactory and met the requirements of the Board.

At the time of report tenders have been invited for the reconstruction of the Wellow Sewage Disposal Works and ancillary sewers.

Sewage Disposal schemes have to be considered for the villages of Burnett, Camerton, Combe Hay, Dunkerton, Englishcombe, Kelston, Northstoke, Stanton Prior, Swainswick (Upper), Tunley, Compton Dando, Queen Charlton, Hinton Charterhouse, and the priority for such schemes has yet to be decided by the Council.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING

A weekly collection of house and trade refuse is made from the whole of the district. No charge is at present made for the collection of trade refuse, but a scheme for so doing is to be considered.

Seven manned refuse collection vehicles are employed on this service. Part of the refuse is taken to Bath City controlled tips, the remainder to two partially controlled tips within the district.

The system of collection works well, and very few complaints are received.

## HOUSING

Number of dwelling houses .....	6910
Number of dwelling houses owned by Local Authority .....	1205
Houses listed as unfit for habitation and for action individually or by Clearance Order .....	25
Houses demolished or closed during the year .....	1
Houses made fit by Owners .....	13
Houses erected by the Council .....	76
Houses erected by Private Enterprise .....	118
Total of Old People's dwellings erected by the Council up to 31.12.64. ....	124
Applicants for Council Houses at end of year .....	309

### Improvement Grants made under the Housing Act 1949-1954:

Discretionary.	
Applications approved in respect of dwellings .....	99
From Owner/Occupiers .....	53
Applications rejected .....	4
Average cost per dwelling .....	£310
Amount of grant payable by Local Authority .....	£7667
Standard.	
Applications received and approved .....	34
Applications in respect of Owner/Occupiers .....	24

## FOOD

### Milk:

Number of distributors .....	37
Number of Dairy premises in district .....	14

Only in one case of a producer retailer has there been difficulty over infection.

### **Ice-cream:**

There are 67 registrations for the retailing of pre-packed ice-cream made by well-known manufacturers. The results of all the check samples taken were reported as Grade 1.

### **Meat and Other Foods:**

There are no slaughter houses, bacon factories nor poultry packing establishments operating in the district.

During visits to shops, cafes and canteens the following foods were surrendered:

11 Tins of Processed Meat  
24 Tins of Fruit  
5 Tins of Fish  
37 Tins of Vegetables

### **Food Hygiene Regulations:**

There are 123 premises controlled by the Regulations, 36 of which are registered for the preparation of food.

Six informal notices were served and complied with.

### **CARAVANS**

Number of individual caravans	.....	...	15
Number of licensed caravan sites	.....	.....	9
Number of Holiday sites	.....	.....	1
Total number of caravans on these sites	.....	.....	78

The standard conditions on all sites were complied with.

Seven caravans left the three "run down" sites, and, under the special conditions relating to these sites, no replacements were allowed.

### **CLEAN AIR ACT 1956**

Care is taken to ensure that the Byelaw made under Section 24 of this Act and Section 61 of the Public Health Act 1936 is complied with during the construction of all new houses. An industrial chimney was erected during the year and advice was given to ensure that the construction and height was adequate to deal with the emissions.

### **RODENT CONTROL**

One Rodent operator continues on a full time basis and private dwellings receive free treatment and advice. Occupiers of business and agricultural premises are offered a contract service on a yearly basis.

About 100 auto-feed hoppers, each with a capacity of up to 5 lbs. of whole wheat, treated with warfarin and mould inhibitor, are in continuous use. These are sited at strategic points on the natural animal pathways, at spots offset from the conurbations, where they destroy numbers of rats that would otherwise probably reach and infest premises. These permanent poisoning points (which rats cannot foul, nor damp penetrate) are visited at six weekly intervals in winter, and twelve weekly in summer. The incidence of complaints of rats in homes and work-places continues to fall steadily.

### Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963:

Twenty-one offices, twenty retail shops, two wholesale premises and seven catering establishments were registered during the year. In these 225 persons are employed. During the 54 inspections no difficulties were encountered and it was felt that the advice and guidance given under this new Act by the Inspectorate was appreciated by all concerned.

### Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963:

There are four such establishments in this district. In dealing with the registration of these premises the guidance and advice of the R.S.P.C.A. Inspector and the Fire Prevention Officer was enlisted, with the result that two of the establishments were made satisfactory without much difficulty, and two are in process of being made suitable for registration.

### Disease of Animals (Waste Foods) Order 1957:

There are 19 licensed operators. All have received at least three visits during the year. The types of plant operated are as follows:—

Coppers	11	Pressure Cookers	4	Steam Injectors	4
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Three informal notices were served, two relating to defective floors and one to blocked drains. All have been complied with. While the plant housing is kept in a satisfactory condition difficulties are often experienced in keeping the surrounding area properly drained and in a sanitary condition.

### GENERAL

Enquiries and visits in connection with various nuisances	212
Nuisances remedied following informal action	63
Visits in connection with infectious disease	59
Disinfestations carried out	5

There is a Knacker's Yard operating in the district which has again given complete satisfaction.

There are no public swimming pools, no pet shops nor any houses in multiple occupation within the area.



# APPENDIX

## FACTORIES ACT, 1961

### Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

#### PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

<i>Premises</i> (1)	<i>Number on Register</i> (2)	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspections</i> (3)	<i>Written notices</i> (4)	<i>Occupiers prosecuted</i> (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	1	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	38	43	3	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	4	—	—
TOTAL:	42	48	3	—

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found:—

<i>Particulars</i> (1)	<i>Number of cases in which defects were found</i>				<i>Number of cases in which prosecu- tions were instituted</i> (6)
	<i>Found</i> (2)	<i>Remedied</i> (3)	<i>Referred To H.M. Inspector</i> (4)	<i>By H.M. Inspector</i> (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Number of cases in which defects were found</i>				<i>Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted</i>
	<i>Found</i>	<i>Remedied</i>	<i>Referred To H.M. Inspector By H.M. Inspector</i>		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) .....	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient .....	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective .....	3	3	—	2	—
(c) Not separate for sexes .....	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work) .....	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL: .....	3	3	—	2	—

## PART VIII OF THE ACT

### OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

<i>Nature of Work</i>	<i>Section 133</i>			<i>Section 134</i>		
	<i>No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c)</i>	<i>No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council</i>	<i>No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists</i>	<i>No. of instances of work in un-whole-some premises</i>	<i>Notices served</i>	<i>Prosecutions</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing } Making apparel } etc. ....	6	—	—	—	—	—
Total: .....	6	—	—	—	—	—





# KEYNSHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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POPULATION ESTIMATED MID-YEAR, 1964	16,460
AREA OF THE DISTRICT	4,170 acres
NUMBER OF HOUSES INHABITED ACCORDING TO RATE BOOKS	5,377
AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSE	3.10
SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE	£2,994
RATEABLE VALUE	£743,141

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## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

The figures in parentheses are for 1963.

### Live Births:

Number	.....	284	(275)
Rate per 1,000 population	.....	17.25	(16.87)
Birth Rate corrected by comparability factor (0.98)	.....	16.91	(16.54)
<b>Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total live births)</b>	.....	2.82	(1.84)

### Still Births:

Number	.....	—	(3)
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	.....	—	(10.91)
<b>Total Live and Still Births</b>	.....	284	(175)
<b>Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)</b>	.....	2	(5)

### Infant Mortality Rates:

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	.....	7.04	(18.38)
Legitimate deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	.....	7.04	(14.98)
Illegitimate deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	.....	—	(200.00)
<b>Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)</b>	.....	3.52	(11.03)
<b>Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)</b>	.....	3.52	(7.32)
<b>Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)</b>	.....	3.52	(18.18)

### Maternal Mortality rate (including abortion):

Number of deaths	.....	—	(—)
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	.....	—	(—)
<b>General death rate per 1,000 estimated average population</b>	..	8.57	(11.04)
<b>General death rate corrected by comparability factor (0.96)</b>	.....	8.22	(10.60)

# DEATHS

The number of deaths, adjusted for inward and outward transfers, total 141, sixty-four male, and seventy-seven female.  
The following Table indicates the cause of death:—

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS							65—	75 & over
					1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—		
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach .....	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast .....	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms .....	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia .....	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	2
Diabetes .....	M	5	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	5
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Coronary Disease, Angina .....	M	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	7
Hypertension with Heart Disease	F	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	11	4	6
Other Heart Disease .....	M	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	1
	F	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2
	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
	F	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS								65-	75 & over
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-			
Other Circulatory Disease	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	
Pneumonia	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	
Bronchitis	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Congenital Malformations	M	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	
	F	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
All Other Accidents	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	64	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	
	F	77	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	43	

The preceding figures present a highly satisfactory picture for Keynsham. The birth rate was slightly above the national average.

Only two deaths of infants in their first year occurred, giving a rate of 7.04, compared with 20.0 for England and Wales as a whole. There were no stillbirths.

The general death rate of 8.22 was well below the national average of 11.3.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Total cases notified</i>		<i>Total Deaths</i>	
Measles .....	6	(348)	—	—
Scarlet Fever .....	3	(2)	—	—
Whooping Cough .....	—	(15)	—	—
Food poisoning .....	2	(1)	—	—
Tuberculosis (respiratory) .....	4	(9)	—	—
„ (non-respiratory) .....	—	—	—	(1)
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>(375)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(1)</b>

The number of cases of infectious disease notified was low, particularly of measles, unaccountably so, considering the incidence in adjacent districts.

Two cases of food poisoning were reported, the infection having been acquired outside the district.

The incidence of tuberculosis has fallen in the year by more than half, and is the lowest ever recorded, notwithstanding an increasing population.

The following paragraphs on the Somerset County Council health service arrangements in the districts are included as a matter of interest.

### KEYNSHAM CLINIC

As usual, all gratitude is due to Mrs. Smallwood, the Secretary, and the other voluntary helpers at the Child Welfare Clinics at Keynsham and Saltford. Because of the ever increasing attendances on Wednesdays, an additional weekly session on Friday mornings was inaugurated in November.

The following services are provided at the Centre:—

#### (1) Weekly:

Monday	2.30–4.0	Mothers' Club
	6.30–8.30	Mothercraft & Relaxation
Tuesday	10.30–12.0	Orthopaedic Sister (1st & 3rd)
	2.0–5.0	Speech Therapist
Wednesday	2.0–4.0	Infant Welfare Clinic
Thursday	2.0–3.30	Ante-Natal Clinic
Friday	9.15–12.30	Welfare Foods
	11.0–12.0	Infant Welfare Clinic



(2) **Other:**

Dental Clinics are in operation daily.

School and Immunisation Clinics monthly.

Blood Transfusion at intervals as arranged by the Service.

**Child Welfare Clinic Attendances:**

**Keynsham:**

January	.....	292
February	...	267
March	.	240
April	.	308
May	....	288
June	...	281
July	.	300
August	...	196
September	...	377
October	..	321
November	.	302
December	..	235
		<hr/> 3407

Attendances for 1963	.....	.....	.....	2762
Total on the books at the beginning of the year	.....	.....	.....	737
Total on the books at the end of the year	.....	.....	.....	716

**Saltford Welfare Centre:**

Sessions are held every Thursday from 2.30 to 4.30 with a doctor in attendance on 2nd and 4th Thursdays.

January	..	.....	248
February		.....	160
March	...	.....	114
April	.....	...	179
May	....	...	146
June	...	...	154
July	.....	.....	163
August	..	.....	133
September	..	...	161
October	.....	.....	114
November	.....	.....	136
December	.....	.....	85
			<hr/> 1793

Attendances for 1963	.....	.....	.....	1387
Total on books at the beginning of the year	.....	.....	.....	189
Total on books at the end of the year	.....	.....	.....	132

**KEYNSHAM DAY NURSERY**

The nursery continues to provide daily care for children under five years in special circumstances and, as usual, priority is accorded to those whose mothers are ill, or are of necessity working, or where the home conditions are, for substantial reasons, unable to provide adequate facilities for the children.

There were thirty-five children on the register—five of under two years, and thirty aged two to five years. Of these, twenty-five attended full time and the remaining ten, part time. The average daily attendance was twenty-seven. The children's health was very good.

# REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

## PUBLIC CLEANSING

A weekly collection of refuse throughout the district, twice weekly for some business premises, has been maintained throughout the year. Two vehicles and eight men are employed on the work with one standby vehicle for special collections and emergency use.

Refuse disposal is becoming an ever more urgent problem as the available land at the Unity Road tip will be filled within the next year or two. Various alternative methods of disposal have been examined during the year. Of these incineration was considered the most suitable for this district and at the end of the year a scheme for the construction of a plant for the purpose was in preparation.

## HOUSING

Dwelling houses in the district	5140
Dwelling houses owned by the Council	1596
Prefabs	20
Houses listed as unfit for habitation and for action individually or by Clearance Orders	22
Houses demolished or closed during the year	28
„ made fit by owners	4
„ erected by the Council	40
„ erected by Private Enterprise	47
„ in course of erection by the Council	40
„ in course of erection by Private Enterprise	69
Old People's dwellings erected by the Council up to the end of year	109
Applicants for Council Houses at end of year	488

### Improvement Grants made under the Housing Act 1949-54:

#### Discretionary:

Applications approved in respect of dwellings	3
From Owner/Occupiers	3
Amount of grant payable by Local Authority	£576

#### Standard:

Applications received	12
Applications approved	12
Applications approved in respect of Owner/Occupiers	11
Number of houses where standard amenities have been provided	61

### Housing Act 1961 (Houses in Multiple Occupation):

No formal action has been found necessary under the provisions of this Act but the inspection of houses which appeared to be occupied by members of more than one family continued.

### Housing Act 1964—Part II and Part III (Compulsory Improvement of Dwellings)

Action along the lines indicated by Circ. No. 53/64 was in progress during the latter part of the year.

## PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS

Total number of inspections for all purposes	.....	907
Informal notices issued	.....	9
Informal notices complied with	.....	9
Infectious Diseases	{ Enquiries	18
	{ Disinfections	
Enquiries into insect infestation	.....	32
Shop inspections	.....	117
Enquiries concerning suspected food poisoning	.....	6

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### (a) Total number of food premises in area, 100:

These comprise:	(1) Retail butchers	.....	12
	(2) Other retail food shops	.....	44
	(3) Cafes and canteens (including schools)	.....	18
	(4) Bakehouses	.....	2
	(5) Chocolate manufacture	.....	1
	(6) Pickle manufacture	.....	1
	(7) Sugar packing	.....	1
	(8) Wholesale warehouses	.....	2
	(9) Licensed premises (retail)	.....	19

### (b) Total number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955-62:

These comprise:	(1) Ice-cream storage and sale	.....	50
	(2) Sausage manufacture	.....	7
	(3) Preserved food manufacture	.....	5

There are no licensed slaughterhouses nor knackers' yards within the Urban District.

### (c) Food surrendered as unfit for human consumption:

Fresh meat	.....	285 lbs
Frozen chicken	.....	364 lbs.
Canned and frozen meat and meat products	.....	299 packs/tins
Frozen fish	.....	1218 packs/tins
Frozen fruit and vegetables	.....	1912 packs/tins
Miscellaneous frozen and pre-packed foods	.....	1327 packs/tins

### (d) Milk supply:

All milk sold in the district is designated and samples taken by Somerset County Council indicate that a satisfactory standard has been maintained.

There are 9 Registered Distributors of milk and 6 Registered Dairy premises (other than farms) in the district.

### (e) Bakehouses:

Two bakehouses remain in regular use and have been satisfactorily maintained.

### (f) Ice-cream:

Sixteen samples of ice-cream were taken for bacteriological examination, of these two were reported Grade II and the remainder Grade I.

## **(g) Food Hygiene Regulations:**

Eighty-four visits of inspection were made during the year concerning the provisions of the above Regulations including visits made jointly for the purposes of the Shops Act 1950. Four informal notices were issued with regard to deficiencies in the maintenance of washing and sanitary facilities. The general standard, however, was very satisfactory.

## **WATER SUPPLY**

### **Rainfall:**

The total rainfall for the year as recorded at the Somerdale Station was 20.02 inches which was well below average.

The public water supply is provided by Bristol Waterworks and practically all domestic supplies are obtained from the Company's mains. The quality and quantity have been quite satisfactory.

Quarterly samples taken for bacteriological examination have all been satisfactory. Chemical analysis indicated that the water is moderately soft and slightly alkaline.

## **SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL**

The reconstructed sewage disposal works for the district were completed and brought into use early in the year. Apart from the minor difficulties usually encountered in the early stages of such a scheme, the works have dealt with the sewage efficiently and produced a very satisfactory effluent. The second phase of the modernisation scheme was commenced during the year. This involves the alteration and enlargement of sewers and the installation of pumping equipment to discharge sewage from the western end of the district to the new disposal works.

## **RODENT CONTROL**

Total number of visits of inspection	.....	.....	.....	646
Number of properties found infested	.....	.....	.....	61
Treatments carried out by operator	.....	.....	.....	34

In addition to the above all Council Properties, including sewers, have been kept under observation and treated as necessary.

No major infestation has been found and no formal action has been necessary to deal with any infestation.

## **CARAVAN SITES**

There has been no change during the year with regard to the caravan sites in the area.

The two sites with restricted planning permission have progressively reduced the numbers of caravans on site. All have been satisfactorily maintained.



## OFFICES, SHOPS and RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Under the provisions of this Act which came into force during the year, occupiers of premises referred to and in which persons were employed, were required to register their premises with the appropriate authority.

At the end of the year the following had been registered with the Council:

Offices .....	34
Retail shops .....	101
Wholesale shops .....	1
Catering establishments open to the public:	
Canteens .....	1
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>137</b>

The following is an analysis of persons employed in the above registered premises by workplace.

Class of workplace:	<i>No. of persons employed</i>
Offices .....	264
Retail shops .....	418
Wholesale departments, warehouses .....	39
Catering establishments open to the public .....	12
Canteens .....	3
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>736</b>

Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection 57.

No applications for exemption from provisions of the Act were received and no prosecutions were undertaken.

## MISCELLANEOUS

One shop is licensed under the Pet Animals Act 1951 and has been found well maintained.

One operator is licensed under the provisions of the Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order 1957.

## FACTORIES ACT, 1961

There were 69 premises on the register of factories at the end of the year. Periodic inspections revealed few defects and no formal action was found necessary.

# APPENDIX

## FACTORIES ACT, 1961

### Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

#### PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

<i>Premises</i> (1)	<i>Number on Register</i> (2)	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspections</i> (3)	<i>Written notices</i> (4)	<i>Occupiers prosecuted</i> (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .....	49	38	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) .....	19	28	—	—
TOTAL: .....	69	66	—	—



## 2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) .....	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) .....	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) .....	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) .....	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient .....	1	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective .....	2	2	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes .....	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL: .....	3	3	—	—	—

# PART VIII OF THE ACT

## OUTWORK

(SECTIONS 133 AND 134)

<i>Nature of Work</i>	<i>Section 133</i>			<i>Section 134</i>		
	<i>No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c)</i>	<i>No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council</i>	<i>No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists</i>	<i>No. of instances of work in un- whole- some premises</i>	<i>Notices served</i>	<i>Prose- cutions</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing } Making apparel } etc.	1	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL:	1	—	—	—	—	—



# FROME URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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POPULATION .....	11,700
AREA OF THE DISTRICT .....	1,194 acres
NUMBER OF HOUSES INHABITED ACCORDING TO THE RATE BOOK .....	3,780
AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSE .....	3.09
SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE AS AT 1ST APRIL, 1964 .....	£1,580
RATEABLE VALUE AS AT 1ST APRIL, 1964 .....	£395,222

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## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

The figures in parentheses are for 1963.

### Live Births:

Number .....	256	(231)
Rate per 1,000 population .....	21.01	(19.86)
Birth Rate corrected by comparability factor (1.09) .....	23.85	(21.66)
<b>Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total live births)</b> .....	<b>5.08</b>	<b>(8.66)</b>

### Still Births:

Number ... ..	3	(9)
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births .....	11.58	(37.5)
<b>Total Live and Still Births</b> .....	<b>259</b>	<b>(240)</b>
<b>Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)</b> .....	<b>4</b>	<b>(7)</b>

### Infant Mortality Rates:

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births .....	15.63	(30.3)
Legitimate deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births .....	15.63	(28.44)
Illegitimate deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births .....	—	(50)
<b>Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)</b> .....	<b>7.85</b>	<b>(21.65)</b>
<b>Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)</b> .....	<b>7.85</b>	<b>(21.65)</b>
<b>Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)</b> .....	<b>19.31</b>	<b>(58.33)</b>

### Maternal Mortality (including abortion):

Number of deaths .....	—	(—)
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births .....	—	(—)
<b>General death rate per 1,000 estimated average population</b> .....	<b>15.21</b>	<b>(13.76)</b>
<b>General death rate corrected by comparability factor (0.76)</b> .....	<b>11.56</b>	<b>(10.46)</b>

# DEATHS

The number of deaths, adjusted for inward and outward transfers, total 178, ninety male, and eighty-eight female. The following Table indicates the cause of death:—

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS						65—	75 & over
					1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—	
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach .....	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus .....	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus .....	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast .....	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast .....	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus .....	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms .....	M	12	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—
Diabetes .....	F	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Diabetes .....	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diabetes .....	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System .....	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System .....	M	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Coronary Disease Angina .....	F	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Coronary Disease Angina .....	M	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hypertension with Heart Disease .....	F	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hypertension with Heart Disease .....	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Heart Disease .....	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Heart Disease .....	M	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Heart Disease .....	F	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Heart Disease .....	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—
Other Heart Disease .....	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Heart Disease .....	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—



CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS								
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
Pneumonia	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	1
	F	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	7
Bronchitis	M	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Congenital Malformations	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	M	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
	F	10	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	3	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Other Accidents	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Suicide	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES:	M	90	1	1	—	—	—	2	2	4	2	8	34
	F	88	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	1	13	48

These statistics need little comment, but to draw attention to their very satisfactory significance.

The birth rate is well in excess of both the average for the combined districts, and the country as a whole. The infant death rate was well below both these general averages. The general death rate was about average.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Total cases notified</i>		<i>Total Deaths</i>	
Measles .....	142	(58)	—	—
Scarlet Fever .....	—	(2)	—	—
Whooping Cough .....	—	(1)	—	—
Dysentery .....	1	(—)	—	—
Food poisoning .....	2	(—)	—	—
Tuberculosis (respiratory) .....	4	(3)	—	—
„ (non-respiratory) ..	1	(1)	—	—
TOTAL: .....	150	(65)	—	—

Frome had more than its fair share of the area measles, but no serious complications were reported.

The two cases of food poisoning were a mother and her school child. The adult had a very severe attack for which she was hospitalised. Stringent control measures by the Public Health Staff kept the outbreak localised.

### FROME CLINIC

Details of the personal health services provided by the Somerset County Health Authority are included for information.

Much of the ancillary work is carried out as usual by voluntary workers to whom we are ever grateful.

The Mothers' Club, instituted in 1963, has been overwhelmingly successful, both as a social and educational venture for the benefit of mothers of young children.

(1) **Weekly:**

Monday	2.0-4.0 6.30-8.0	Ante Natal Clinic Parentcraft
Tuesday	By appointment Morning only 2.0-4.0 By appointment	Oculist Orthopaedic Surgeon (4th) Child Guidance (3rd)
Wednesday	10.0-1.0 } 2.0-5.0 } 10.0-1.0 10.0-1.0 7.45 p.m.	Speech Therapist  Teacher of Partially Hearing Mental Welfare Officer Mothers' Club (last Wed.)
Thursday	10.0-1.0 By appointment 10.0-1.0 } 2.0-5.0 } 6.0-7.30 p.m.	Orthopaedic Sister Speech Therapist Family Planning (1st & 3rd)
Friday	10.0-12.0 By appointment 10.0-12.0 2.0-4.30 2.0-4.30	Polio vaccination School Children Infant Welfare Welfare Foods

(2) **Other:**

Dental Clinics daily.

**Child Welfare Clinics:**

Attendances were as follows:

January	...	.....	350
February	..	....	313
March	..	....	342
April		.....	250
May	.....		426
June	..		365
July			453
August		....	351
September		...	399
October		.....	439
November	...	.....	330
December	..	.....	263
			<hr/> 4281

Attendances for 1963	...		3165
Total on books at the beginning of the year	...	.....	440
Total on the books at the end of the year	..	.....	514

# REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH & HOUSING OFFICER

## HOUSING

Number of applicants on Council's Housing List .....	174
Council houses erected during the year .....	53
Houses built by private enterprise .....	42
Houses demolished or closed (Sec. 17 Housing Act 1957) .....	1
Houses demolished or closed (Sec. 42 Housing Act 1957) .....	2
Houses made fit during the year .....	39

### Trinity Street (No. 1) Redevelopment Area:

Rebuilding commenced during 1964. Owing to considerable delay in completion, only ten houses were handed over before the end of the year.

## PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION

During the year the following number of visits were made:—

Public Health Inspections including Meat and Food Inspections .....	1390
Housing .....	596
Total number of visits of all kinds .....	3607

### Rodent Controls:

During the year 1,512 visits were made. This service constitutes full time work for one operator.

### Milk Supply:

There are four registered distributors of milk and two registered dairy premises other than farms in the district.

During the year fifty-six samples of Designated Milk were taken for bacteriological examination by the Somerset County Council, and all were satisfactory.

### Ice cream:

There are sixty-two registered premises in the district. During the year eighteen samples were sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Bath, sixteen were in Grade 1 and two in Grade 2.

### Slaughterhouses Act 1958:

I regret to state that the Council has not carried out the improvement of its slaughterhouse, due to various delays by the Ministry and the Council. By the end of the year the Government appointed Committee had not issued their report on the future of slaughterhouse requirements. It was hoped that this slaughterhouse could be retained, being a useful service to the local butchers and to the town.

## Meat Inspection:

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part during the year:—

	<i>Cattle excl. Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
Number killed ...	882	9	43	1030	2945
Number inspected	Same as number killed				
<b>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</b> .....					
Whole carcases condemned	3	2	19	5	44
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	80	—	—	80	133
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysticerci .....	9.2%	22.2%	44.2%	8.25%	6.0%
<b>Tuberculosis only:</b>					
Whole carcases condemned .....	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	35
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis.....	—	—	—	—	1.2%
<b>Cysticercosis:</b>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .....	7	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	7	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned .....	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Weight of meat condemned:</b> (in lbs.) for:—					
(a) Tuberculosis ...	—	—	—	—	350
(b) Cysticercosis ...	297	—	—	—	—
(c) Other ...	2179	1120	677	416	4405
Total (in lbs.) condemned ...	2476	1120	677	416	4755



## STUDENT PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

The Council was fortunate in obtaining the services of a Student Public Health Inspector who is in his third year. He has been of great assistance in the many inspections carried out by the Department.

### WATER SUPPLY

The water supply is owned by the Bristol Waterworks Company and raw water samples are taken regularly by the Company. Seven samples were taken for bacteriological purposes and one for chemical analysis. These were all satisfactory.

### OTHER FOOD INSPECTIONS:

#### Food Condemned:

Canned Meat	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	76 lbs.
Canned Fruit	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	140 lbs.
Canned Milk	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25½ pts.
40 Pig Fores	.....	.....	.....	.....	5-cwts, 3-qtrs.	14 lbs.
2 Gammons	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 lbs.
Frozen Food to the Value of	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	£54/13/5d.
(Refrigeration Cabinet breakdown)						

### FACTORIES ACT 1937-61

There were eighty-five factories on the Council's Register as at the 31st December, 1964. Regular visits were made to these. In the case of new factory premises, the plans and specifications are inspected prior to consideration by the Council's Bylaw and Planning Committee.

# APPENDIX

## FACTORIES ACT, 1961

### Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

#### PART I OF THE ACT

#### 1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

<i>Premises</i>  (1)	<i>Number on Register</i> (2)	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspections</i> (3)	<i>Written notices</i> (4)	<i>Occupiers prosecuted</i> (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .....	—	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .....	83	49	4	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) .....	2	2	—	—
<b>TOTAL:</b> .....	85	51	4	—

#### 2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

<i>Particulars</i>  (1)	<i>Number of cases in which defects were found</i>				<i>Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted</i> (6)
	<i>Found</i> (2)	<i>Remedied</i> (3)	<i>Referred To H.M. Inspector</i> (4)	<i>By H.M. Inspector</i> (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) .....	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) .....	—	—	—	—	—

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	5	5	—	5	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL:	5	5	—	5	—

## PART VIII OF THE ACT

### OUTWORK

#### (SECTIONS 133 AND 134)

<i>Nature of Work</i>  (1)	<i>Section 133</i>			<i>Section 134</i>		
	<i>No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c)</i> (2)	<i>No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council</i> (3)	<i>No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists</i> (4)	<i>No. of instances of work in un-whole-some premises</i> (5)	<i>Notices served</i> (6)	<i>Prosecutions</i> (7)
Wearing apparel } Making etc.	24	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL:	24	—	—	—	—	—



# FROME RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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POPULATION ESTIMATED MID-YEAR, 1964	.....	11,140
AREA OF THE DISTRICT	..      ....      ....	51,933 acres
NUMBER OF HOUSES INHABITED ACCORDING TO RATE BOOKS	.....      .....      .....      .....      .....      .....      .....	3,632
AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSE	.....      .....	3.067
SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE 1964-65	.....	1,090
RATEABLE VALUE AT 1ST APRIL, 1964	.....      .....	£270,607

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*Chairman of the Council*      .....      .....      E. G. EVERY, ESQ., J.P.

*Chairman of the General Purposes  
Committee*      .....      .....      CAPTAIN N. H. CREES

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## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

The figures in parentheses are for 1963.

### Live Births:

Number	.....	175	(195)
Rate per 1,000 population	.....	15.71	(17.66)
Birth Rate corrected by comparability factor (1.13)	.....	17.75	(19.96)
Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total live births)	.....	6.3	(3.077)

### Still Births:

Number	.....	9	(4)
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	.....	48.91	(20.1)
Total Live and Still births	.....	184	(199)
Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year)	.....	3	(2)

### Infant Mortality Rates:

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	.....	17.14	(10.26)
Legitimate deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	.....	17.14	(10.58)
Illegitimate deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	.....	—	(—)
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	.....	11.43	(5.11)
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	.....	11.43	(5.11)
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	.....	59.78	(25.13)

### Maternal Mortality (including abortion):

Number of deaths	.....	—	(—)
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	.....	—	(—)
General death rate per 1,000 estimated average population	.....	9.61	(11.68)
General death rate corrected by comparability factor (0.99)	.....	9.51	(11.56)

# DEATHS

The number of deaths, adjusted for inward and outward transfers, total 107, sixty-three male and forty-four female. The following Table indicates the cause of death.

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS								75 & over	
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-		
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diabetes	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	M	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	6
	F	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	6
Coronary Disease, Angina	M	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	2	7
	F	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Hypertension with Heart Disease	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Heart Disease	M	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
	F	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	6

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS									
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over	
Other Circulatory Disease	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Pneumonia	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
Bronchitis .....	M	6	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	4
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diorrhoea	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Congenital Malformations	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
All Other Accidents .....	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		63	2	1	1	—	2	1	1	4	7	10	34	
		44	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	4	5	10	23	

There has been a marked fall in the live birth rate for the Rural District and an accompanying increase in still births. Both data I find unaccountable and hope that, particularly the latter, will prove an isolated occurrence.

Perhaps one can feel compensated by the very low general death rate.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Total cases notified</i>		<i>Total Deaths</i>	
Measles .....	60	(122)	—	—
Scarlet fever .....	8	(5)	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia .....	—	(1)	—	—
Whooping Cough .....	11	(2)	—	—
Acute primary pneumonia .....	7	(2)	—	(1)
Erysipelas .....	1	(—)	—	—
Tuberculosis (respiratory) .....	2	(2)	—	—
TOTAL: .....	89	(134)	—	(1)

There has been no great incidence of infectious disease, and the freedom from food poisoning is deserving of special mention.

## REPORT OF

# THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

## WATER SUPPLIES

During the year all public supplies were sampled for chemical analysis and bacteriological examination; some private supplies were also sampled for bacteriological examination.

The results were as follows:

### Piped Supplies:

<i>Raw Water</i>				<i>Treated after going into supply</i>			
<i>Bacteriological</i>		<i>Chemical</i>		<i>Bacteriological</i>		<i>Chemical</i>	
<i>Satis- factory</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory</i>	<i>Satis- factory</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory</i>	<i>Satis- factory</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory</i>	<i>Satis- factory</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory</i>
4	1	10	—	13	—	6	—

### Well Supplies:

<i>Number of Samples taken for examination</i>			
<i>Satisfactory</i>		<i>Unsatisfactory</i>	
<i>Chemical</i>	<i>Bacteriological</i>	<i>Chemical</i>	<i>Bacteriological</i>
—	5	—	23

## SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Public sewers and modern disposal plants now serve seven parishes within the district, and it is hoped that the schemes at Wanstrow, Upton Noble and Leigh on Mendip, which are now well under way, will be completed during the course of the next twelve months.

Proposals for schemes serving a further three parishes are being prepared, and it is interesting to note that one of these schemes provides for taking the sewage to an existing plant in a neighbouring parish, thus requiring only one works unit to deal with two parishes. It seems that this must be the method of the future, with sewage from two or more parishes being centralised into one disposal centre, making maintenance both easier and cheaper, with a saving in capital costs.

The existing works are maintained by three attendants, and arrangements are in hand for the employment of another in the capacity of foreman.



## REFUSE COLLECTION

A fortnightly collection of refuse was carried out throughout the area, with the exception of the parish of Coleford and part of the parish of Selwood, where it was weekly.

The new tip at Woolverton has been in operation for several months. Difficulty has been experienced in levelling the refuse, mainly because of lack of plant, and it has often proved difficult to hire a machine at short notice to do the necessary work. It would seem that the only satisfactory answer would be the provision of the necessary plant by the Council, which it is hoped, will be acquired in the near future.

Negotiations for a second tip in the western area of the district are proceeding which, when available, will further ease the situation.

## HOUSING

	<i>Houses erected during year</i>		<i>Houses in course of erection</i>		<i>Gained from conversion of large houses or buildings into flats or dwellings</i>	<i>Lost from conversion of two or more houses to one</i>
	<i>For slum Clearance</i>	<i>For other purposes</i>	<i>For slum Clearance</i>	<i>For other purposes</i>		
Local Authority	2	14	2	8	Nil	Nil
Private Enterprise	Nil	92	Nil	65	4	2

**Number of Post-War Houses erected from 1st April, 1945 to 31st December, 1964.**

<i>By Local Authority</i>	<i>By Private Enterprise</i>
454	424

During the year five houses were demolished or closed under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957.

The number of sub-standard properties in the district is steadily decreasing, and it is noticeable that in the great majority of cases, as soon as vacant possession is obtained, works to improve the property are put in hand.

## IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

### (1) Discretionary:

The number of applications for Discretionary Grants shows an increase of 10 per cent over last year's figure, but the number of applications approved shows a slight reduction. This is due in part to the submission of proposals which were outside the scope of the Act for various reasons, but it is probable that these applications will be re-submitted in a modified form at a later date. This trend towards luxury is apparent in the average cost figures, which show an increase in overall cost of improvements but a reduction in the estimated cost of works actually eligible for grant.

It is to be hoped that the recent increase in the maximum Standard Grant available, where the difference in contribution is narrowed to only £50, will not affect the number of properties improved under the major scheme where it is possible to insist on a considerably better standard.

(1) <i>Received</i>		(2) <i>Approved</i>	
<i>Applications</i>	<i>No. of Dwellings</i>	<i>Applications</i>	<i>No. of Dwellings</i>
58	60	52	54

Of this number twenty-one were owner/occupiers.

The average cost per dwelling, involving fifty-two approved detail applications during the year was £1,201, and the average grant paid by the Local Authority £346.

### (2) Standard:

During the year eight applications for Standard Grants were received from owners, all of which were approved. Standard Amenities were provided in eight properties.

#### Milk:

There were twenty-one registered distributors within the area.

#### Ice cream:

There were twenty-nine premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act for the retailing of ice cream. Pre-packed ice cream only was sold and storage was by refrigerated containers supplied by the manufacturer.

#### Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

During the year the following action has been taken under the above Regulations:—

Number of premises inspected	.....	.....	.....	.....	91
Number of notices served	.....	.....	.....	.....	11

The notices were served as a result of minor infringements and each has been complied with.

It is certain that if housewives complained of conditions in shops there would be a rapid increase in general standards, a trend in which we would happily co-operate; but it is equally certain that the average housewife is amongst the least hygiene conscious of all. This is unfortunate because she could be the most powerful of "inspectors", but, with the present tendency towards apathy, acceptance and lack of complaint to the proper authority, progress is slow.

### **KNACKER'S YARD**

There is one Knacker's Yard in the area, and it is maintained in a satisfactory condition. Regular inspections were carried out during the year.

### **FACTORIES**

All factories in the area have been regularly inspected and no official action was found necessary.

### **RODENT CONTROL**

Public sewers were regularly treated as a precaution, but there was no evidence of any infestation.

Domestic premises were treated on request, the number of complaints received showing an increase. Much of this is probably due to improved farming techniques driving rats to find other subsistence. In one or two instances the reverse was the case with badly maintained farms providing a haven for colonies. A course of intensive treatment is to be commenced early next year in these areas, which it is hoped, will prove successful.

### **OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963**

During the year thirty-one inspections were carried out under the above Act. No formal action was found necessary.

# APPENDIX

## FACTORIES ACT, 1961

### Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

#### PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

<i>Premises</i>  (1)	<i>Number on Register</i> (2)	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspections</i> (3)	<i>Written notices</i> (4)	<i>Occupiers prosecuted</i> (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	—	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	26	26	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ....	—	—	—	—
TOTAL: .....	26	26	—	—

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

<i>Particulars</i>  (1)	<i>Number of cases in which defects were found</i>				<i>Number of cases in which prosecu- tions were instituted</i>  (6)
	<i>Found</i> (2)	<i>Remedied</i> (3)	<i>Referred To H.M. Inspector</i> (4)	<i>By H.M. Inspector</i> (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) .....	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) .....	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) .....	—	—	—	—	—

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	<i>Found</i> (2)	<i>Remedied</i> (3)	<i>Referred To H.M. Inspector</i> (4)	<i>By H.M. Inspector</i> (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ....	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	3	3	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL: .....	3	3	—	—	—

## PART VIII OF THE ACT

### OUTWORK

(SECTIONS 133 AND 134)

<i>Nature of Work</i>  (1)	<i>Section 133</i>			<i>Section 134</i>		
	<i>No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c)</i> (2)	<i>No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council</i> (3)	<i>No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists</i> (4)	<i>No. of instances of work in un-wholesome premises</i> (5)	<i>Notices served</i> (6)	<i>Prosecutions</i> (7)
Wearing } Making apparel } etc.	14	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL: .....	14	—	—	—	—	—





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